



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

(147)

**CRWP-4290-2026
DATE OF DECISION: 16.04.2026**

Gagandeep and another

.....Petitioners

VERSUS

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUBHAS MEHLA

Present Mr.Harsimran Singh Sidhu Advocate,
for the petitioners.
Mr.Surinderjit Singh Nahar, AAG, Punjab.

SUBHAS MEHLA, J (ORAL)

1. The prayer in the instant criminal writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the official respondents to protect life and personal liberty of the petitioners as they apprehend threat at the hands of private respondents as they married against the wishes of their families.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioners contended that the petitioners are major and they have solemnized marriage with each other, but they apprehend threat to their life and liberty from the private respondents. While drawing the attention of this Court to representation dated 15.04.2026 (Annexure P-5), learned counsel has submitted that the matter was reported to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Ferozepur, seeking police protection, however, it went in vain. Learned counsel further submitted that the petitioners would be satisfied if directions are issued to respondent No.2 to look into the aforesaid representation and take appropriate steps at the earliest.



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3. Notice of motion.
4. Mr.Surinderjit Singh Nahar, AAG, Punjab, appears and accepted notice on behalf of respondent/State.
5. In this regard, this Court has already given the directions in **Asha and another vs. State of Haryana and others, CWP No.6717 of 2009 (2012 SCC Online P&H 12746)**, and in compliance of the same, the State Government had taken steps to protect the life and liberty of run away couple.
6. Apart from that, the **State of Punjab vide notification dated 23.01.2025**, also notified the SOPs for the protection of life and liberty of the petitioners in similar situations, in compliance of the **Criminal Writ Petition No.12562 of 2023** titled as **“Kajal Vs. State of Haryana and others”**.
7. In the light of the above directions, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 – Senior Superintendent of Police, Ferozepur, to consider and take necessary action on the representation dated 15.04.2026 (Annexure P-5) in accordance with law.

16.04.2026	(SUBHAS MEHLA)
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No